

**COUNTY OF MADERA
BUDGET UNIT EXPENDITURE DETAIL
BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2009-10**

Department: DEPT. OF SOCIAL SERVICES
PUBLIC ASST. PROGRAMS (07530)
Function: Public Assistance
Activity: Aids Programs
Fund: General

<u>ACCOUNT CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>ACTUAL EXPENDITURES 2007-08</u>	<u>BOARD APPROVED EXPENDITURES 2008-09</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT REQUEST 2009-10</u>	<u>CAO RECOMMENDATION 2009-10</u>
<u>OTHER CHARGES</u>				
730101 CalWORKS				
Federal	7,540,464	7,871,000	8,027,000	8,027,000
State	9,477,944	9,894,000	10,089,000	10,089,000
County	436,370	456,000	464,000	464,000
Total Aid for CalWORKS	17,454,778	18,221,000	18,580,000	18,580,000
Foster Care				
Federal	1,428,853	1,505,400	1,412,000	1,412,000
State	1,444,676	1,633,200	1,538,000	1,538,000
County	2,398,991	2,416,400	2,281,000	2,281,000
Total Foster Care	5,272,520	5,555,000	5,231,000	5,231,000
730105 Welfare to Work (GAIN)				
Federal	401,452	397,700	533,000	533,000
State	489,553	485,000	650,000	650,000
County	88,100	87,300	117,000	117,000
Total Welfare to Work (GAIN)	979,105	970,000	1,300,000	1,300,000
730107 In-Home Supportive Service				
County	2,075,427	2,566,000	3,132,109	3,132,000
Total In-Home Supportive Service	2,075,427	2,566,000	3,132,109	3,132,000

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<u>OTHER CHARGES</u> (continued)				
730109 Severely Emotionally Disturbed Children				
State	221,554	160,000	184,800	160,000
County	147,703	240,000	277,200	240,000
Total Severely Emotionally Disturbed Children	369,257	400,000	462,000	400,000
730111 Aid For Adopted Children				
Federal	873,594	810,840	1,047,000	864,000
State	747,274	692,600	881,000	740,000
County	247,783	230,860	294,000	246,000
Total Aid For Adopted Children	1,868,651	1,734,300	2,222,000	1,850,000
730118 Cal-Learn				
Federal	1,683	1,970	1,970	1,970
State	2,050	2,400	2,400	2,400
County	367	430	430	430
Total Cal-Learn	4,100	4,800	4,800	4,800
730119 CalWORKS Child Care				
Federal	407,487	391,000	662,500	650,000
State	489,769	470,000	551,200	541,000
County	82,281	79,000	111,300	109,000
Total CalWORKS Child Care	979,537	940,000	1,325,000	1,300,000

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<u>OTHER CHARGES</u> (continued)				
730125 KIN GAP				
Federal	78,572	95,100	120,000	95,100
State	20,238	24,500	30,500	24,500
County	20,167	24,400	30,500	24,500
Total KIN GAP	118,977	144,000	181,000	144,100
730126 Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants				
State	24,046	44,000	50,000	50,000
Total Cash Assistance for Immigrants	24,046	44,000	50,000	50,000
730129 Housing Assistance/ Transitional Housing Program				
State	54,940	175,500	125,000	125,000
Total Housing Asst/Transitional Housing Program	54,940	175,500	125,000	125,000
 TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	 29,201,338	 30,754,600	 32,612,909	 32,116,900
 TOTAL - DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES- PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS	 29,201,338	 30,754,600	 32,612,909	 32,116,900

COMMENTS

This budget provides for direct payments to indigent persons meeting eligibility criteria established by Federal and/or State Welfare laws and regulations.

TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES

In August, 1996, the Federal Government passed the Welfare Reform Bill, including the regulations regarding TANF. In August, 1997, the State of California adopted these TANF regulations into a State Program entitled CalWORKS. An employment program is the principle component of CalWORKS. Counties are required to prepare a detailed plan on how the program will put the maximum number of people into employment. The Federal bill also sets time limits in which an individual can remain on assistance without working and the total amount of time a person has during a life time to receive TANF benefits.

The Department of Social Services developed and received approval from the California Department of Social Services to implement a local CalWORKS Program.

STATE REALIGNMENT

The provisions of AB 948 and AB 1288 have been in effect since July 1, 1991. These bills contained provisions which changed the State and County sharing ratios for a number of Assistance programs. In addition, the State Legislation created the Local Revenue Fund which distributes the revenue from increased Sales Tax and Vehicle License Fees (Realignment Revenue) to counties, to offset the net increase in the counties' level of participation. The revenue from Realignment for 2009-10 is estimated at \$4,000,000.

ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

For 2009-10, the Department of Social Services - Assistance Programs budget is up \$1,362,300 from 2008-09; overall, it is projected that the local share will increase \$513,440 from 2008-09. The major factor in the local share increase is based on the increase in the hourly rate for the independent providers under the In Home Supportive Services program. See the In Home Supportive Services section in this budget.

CalWORKS

The CalWORKS Program (formerly Families for Dependent Children Program) is recommended unchanged for 2008-09. Overall local share is equivalent to 2.5 per cent of program cost. No cost of living adjustment is anticipated for this budget.

CalWORKS provides assistance for needy children up to 21 years of age. Children between 18 and 21 years of age are eligible for aid only if in financial need and attending school or a training program regularly, or are employed and contributing to a family. The CalWORKS Program was formerly broken out into program categories of All Families and 2 Parents and Zero Parent Families.

General eligibility factors for CalWORKS Programs are: (1) the family's income or resources are insufficient to fund basic needs, and (2) personal property valued in excess of \$2,000, or (3) real property other than their home must be utilized.

Costs of the CalWORKS Program are divided approximately 43.2% Federal, 54.3% State, and 2.5% County funds.

FOSTER CARE

The Foster Care budget is recommended at \$5,231,000, a decrease of \$324,000 over the 2008-09 appropriations. County share is estimated at \$2,281,000 or (41%).

Included within this budget are funds for Boarding Homes (which are non-secure foster homes), Group Homes (which are non-residential facilities other than foster homes), and Emergency Placement and Standby.

The Department of Social Services currently grants an additional \$205 per month to qualified foster parents who accept children determined to have severe behavioral and mental problems. This decision was based on potentially reducing foster care costs by being able to place difficult juveniles in foster homes rather than in high-cost group homes.

FOSTER CARE (continued)

The initial clothing allowance for foster care depends on the age of the child:

<u>Age</u>	
Infant	\$179
1-6 yrs.	\$189
7-12 yrs.	\$302
13-20 yrs.	\$385

Emergency Placement

This account funds placement of juveniles requiring emergency housing under situations such as child abuse or desertion. The emergency standby rate is currently \$100 per bed on a monthly basis.

WELFARE TO WORK (formally Gain Support Services)

The account provides for the CalWORKS participants' expenses for childcare, transportation, and other needs eligible under the Program. It is recommended the account be funded at \$1,300,000, of which no charge is funded by the County.

IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

This is a Program for elderly, disabled poor to receive housekeeping services so they may remain in their homes. The estimated total program cost is \$16,270,695, of which the County share is estimated at \$3,132,109, which is an increase of \$566,000 over 2008-09.

During 2002-03, the Board of Supervisors created a Public Authority which is responsible for the administration of the referral and training of Independent Providers. The Authority is also responsible to conduct collective bargaining with the certified organization for wages and benefits. See In-Home Supportive Services - Public Authority budget. The County currently compensates the independent providers under the IHSS program with an hourly rate of \$9.20. As a result of the Meet and Confer process, the current hourly rate will be increased (effective 12/1/09) from \$9.20 to \$9.75. In addition, \$0.60 cents per hour will be contributed for the independent providers health benefit costs.

SEVERELY EMOTIONALLY DISTURBED CHILDREN

Out-of-home care of children determined by the Behavioral Health Services Agency to be mentally disturbed is funded from this Program. For 2008-09, it is recommended that the appropriations remain unchanged. It is estimated that each month six (6) children are in the program.

AID FOR ADOPTED CHILDREN

\$1,850,000 is recommended for payments to foster care children who have been adopted. Parents who adopt the children will receive the foster care rate for up to five years. County share is estimated at \$246,000.

CAL-LEARN

This is a Program funded by State and Federal funds and provides for intense supportive and counseling services for teenage mothers and pregnant girls. The budget covers supportive services payments of transportation, child car and ancillary expenses.

CalWORKS CHILD CARE

Child care services are provided to CalWORK's recipients when they enter a job club/search, or when child care is needed for a recipient to complete the Welfare-to-Work Plan. The family will continue to receive child care services until a family's child care is stabilized, but not more than six (6) months.

KIN GAP

A Program which offers relative care givers of dependent children a new option for providing a permanent home to these children. The program offers a subsidy to children who leave the juvenile court dependency system to live with a relative legal guardian on or after January 1, 2000. To be eligible for the program, the child must have lived with the relative at least 12 consecutive months.

CASH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR IMMIGRANTS

Program for non-citizens who entered the United States on or after 8/22/96 and meet Federal definitions of a qualified alien.

HOUSING ASSISTANCE/ TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM

This program is for emancipated youth exiting the Child Welfare System. Youths live with host families and case management services are available to assist in the emancipation process. The goal is to provide participants with safe living environments while helping them learn safe life skills to achieve self sufficiency. The program is 100% State funded.

**TOTAL COUNTY COST OF
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

	Estimated <u>2008-09</u>	Recommended <u>2009-10</u>
County Share	\$6,100,390	\$6,613,930
Less: Realignment	<u>4,000,000</u>	<u>4,000,000*</u>
NET COUNTY COST	\$2,100,390	\$2,613,930

*Additional Behavioral Health Services and Public Health Realignment will be recommended brought into the General Fund to further offset Social Services expenditure. The recommended amounts were not available at the time the Public Assistance Budget was compiled.